

Approved BOARD MINUTES January 26, 2017

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Deputy Mayor Mezydlo, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Mezydlo, Trustees:, Warmus, Green and Daluisio, Superintendent Sitzman, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, CEO Czechowski, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Robert Overhoff Sr, Eugene Nuwer, Deb and Judge Woods, Mary Refermat and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

Absent - Mayor Manicki, Attorney Trapp

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Green, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated January 26, 2017. Carried.

Payroll	\$45,172.27
Abstract	\$173,154.05

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following reports for DPW Addendum for Dec. 2016. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Request for sign from St. John's lawn fete, notification from BENLIC on acceptance of 13051 Broadway into their foreclosure process, communications from charter Communications concerning upcoming changes, correspondence from E.C. Sheriff Mark Wipperman concerning decreased summons's issued in December 2016, thank you from newly elected Assemblyman Mike Norris, information on Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight, resignation letter from Acting Village Justice Joseph Randazzo, contact information from LVAC, information from Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz concerning: 12 hour pesticide applicator re-certification course and notice of non-funding for Storm sewers and sidewalks on Elm St. Notification of USDA webinar regarding the Community Connect Grant Program for 2017. Memorandum from Erie County Dept. of Env. And planning with information of draft 2017 Annual Action Plan for 2017 grant programs. RBC wealth Management portfolio review and LOSAP contribution, NYCOM if I were Mayor contest information. Arbor Day Community Grant information, training notice for community preparedness for Cyber incidents. Meeting minutes from E.C. Consortium, Alden Town Board, E.C. Village Officials Assoc, Alden Winterfest and Association of E.C. Governments. Newsletters from: NYSLRS and Buffalo Niagara Partnership.

MOTION by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to file as received all correspondence. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for January 26, 2017,

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to accept with regret the resignation on Acting Village Justice Joseph Randazzo effective January 26, 2017. He was appointed June 1, 2002. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to appoint Michael Cole as Acting Village Justice effective January 26, 2017. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Green, to approve the sign permit for Lucky Panda, 13125 Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the fire/EMS calls for January 7-20, 2017. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve St. John's request to erect a sign in Firemen's Bandstand Memorial Park from July 10-17 to advertise their lawn fete. Carried.

MOTON by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Daluisio in regard to the acquisition of 13051 Broadway through foreclosure by BENLIC (Buffalo, Niagara Land Improvement Corporation), the Village of Alden agrees to:

1. Pay the cost of foreclosure
2. Maintain the property during the time BENLIC holds title to it including boarding and securing the property, lawn mowing and snow removal.
3. Send certified copies of this resolution to the Executive Director of BENLIC and the Erie County Commissioner of Environment and Planning.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Green – aye

Trustee Warmus – aye

Deputy Mayor Mezydlo – aye

Trustee Daluisio – aye Carried.

MOTON by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Green, to accept the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Joseph Randazzo has tirelessly served the residents of the Village of Alden as the Acting Village Justice since June 1, 2002, and

WHEREAS, he previously served our nation, first as part of the Central Intelligence Agency and later turning his focus to labor with the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, his intellect, demeanor, fairness, honor, and neutrality have served him well as an arbitrator in the labor field where he is regularly selected by both union and management representatives to decide employment issues, and

WHEREAS, he practiced law in the City of Buffalo for over twenty five years garnering the respect and admiration of both his clients and adversaries, and

WHEREAS, in addition to all that he has done for the Village of Alden, he still finds the time to both be an avid bowler and accomplished winemaker earning medals in various New York State competitions over the years, and

WHEREAS, the loss to the Village Court as well as to all those who pass through our justice system will be greatly felt as a result of Joseph's retirement from the bench,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden in recognition of the dedication and service to our community by Joseph Randazzo hereby declares, with the upmost pride and gratitude, that January 26, 2017 shall forever be known as Joseph Randazzo Day in the Village of Alden.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Green – aye

Trustee Warmus – aye

Deputy Mayor Mezydlo – aye

Trustee Daluisio – aye Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Robert Overhoff Sr. – 1789 Crittenden. Questioned again if any new progress from the engineering firm, doing the water study.

Superintendent Sitzman – trying to get all the information ready to present out the Feb. 9 meeting, waiting to get answers from the ECWA.

Overhoff – sending out water bills Feb. 1, recommend sending letters at the same time.

Clerk Wachowiak – they are post cards, but the board can discuss it.

Sitzman – sending out a 2 sided summary of the study to all the water customers. Are anticipating the engineers at the Feb. 9 meeting, but not ECWA. Will know by Monday if it will be on Feb. 9.

Overhoff – who was contacted at ECWA? Sitzman – the engineering firm did the work.

Overhoff – comparing price only? Why not quality?

Sitzman – quality is comparable. Comparing rates if county took over, if buying bulk water, if county were to run the current system or take it over completely. Plan on notifying each user.

Overhoff – not everyone gets the Alden Advertiser.

Sitzman – once complete any resident can come to the Village Hall to view the report, waiting for comments from ECWA.

Trustee Daluisio – the study is in the hands of the engineers, so there is no bias.

Overhoff – board should be notified of the results and review them ahead of time.

How much was the engineering study? Sitzman - \$16,000

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk